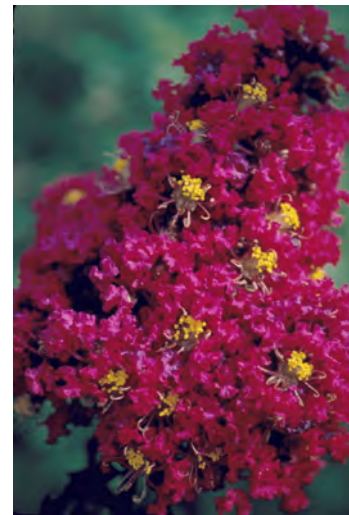


'Arapaho' Crapemyrtle



- Botanical Name:** *Lagerstroemia* 'Arapaho'
(NA 68972; PI 633034)
- Hardiness:** USDA Zones 7-9, root hardy to Zone 6.
- Significance:** 'Arapaho' is the first hybrid crapemyrtle cultivar derived from hybridization of three species of *Lagerstroemia*: *L. indica*, *L. fauriei*, and *L. limii*. Strong red flowers combine with increased powdery mildew tolerance on a medium-size tree.
- Description:**
Height and width: 20 feet tall and 10 feet wide at 16 years.
Habit: Deciduous, multiple or single stemmed medium-sized tree of upright habit with exfoliating bark to reveal light tan trunk.
Foliage: Glossy, dark green leaves tinged with maroon. Highly mildew tolerant under field conditions.
Flowers: Panicles of near true red flowers July to September in the Washington, D.C. area.
- Culture:** 'Arapaho' grows and flowers best in a heavy loam to clay soil in full sun. Grows well in hot, difficult sites.
- Propagation:** Readily propagated by softwood, semi-hardwood, hardwood, or root cuttings. Preferred method is softwood and semi-hardwood cuttings taken before flowering, mist, and 1000-3000 ppm IBA.
- Landscape Use:** Specimen, avenue, or mass planting in public parks or gardens, as flowering street tree, highway beautification plantings.
- Availability:** Wholesale availability in 2003. For source list of cooperating wholesale nurseries, contact Dr. Margaret Pooler, U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002, or email at poolerm@ars.usda.gov

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